A True and Perfect

RELATION

Of the late and dreadful

INUNDATION

Which happened in

HOLLAND

On *Sunday November* 3. 1675. at 4 of the Clock Afternoon, *Saturn* being then in *Opposition* to *Mars*.

By which lamentable Accident all the Land is set under Water from *Amsterdam* to *Leyden*, *Utrecht*, *Woerden*, *Tergow*, all *South-Holland*, and a great part of *North-Holland*, about *Horn*, &c.

TOGETHER

With an Account of those further Miseries and Calamities that followed thereupon, as the drowning of Men, Women and Children, and multitudes of Cattel.

As also a brief Account of a Dreadful Storm with Thunder and Lightning at the same day at Antwerp and Ghent, to the loss of the Lives of divers persons.

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On Sunday, Novemb. 3. 1675. at a little Clock Afternoon, Sermons being then in Dispersion to Many,

By which lamentable Accident all the Land in Rotterdam, Dort, Gorcum, Alkmar, Tergou, all South-Holland, and a great part of North-Holland, about Haerlem, &c.

TOGETHER

With an Account of those further Miseries and Calamities that followed thereupon, as the drowning of Men, Women and Children, and multitudes of Cattel.

As also a brief Account of a dreadful Storm with Thunder and Lightning on the same day at Antwerp and Ostend, to the loss of three Lives of diverse persons.

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I Have not been able to omit making known to you those sad tidings which lately happened [illegible] sadly, that all our fruitful [illegible] that [illegible] is miserably overflowed, that it is become a great Pool of Water, which came so poison this Water.

Upon Sunday the 3d. of this Instant November, S. N. the North-west Wind did so drive in the

here at this time, than was ever seen by any man living before; for in the night it was risen to that heighth, that it stood an inch above the lower Timber of our high Houses, and the Stream ran through all our Low-houses.

The next day in the Evening, there was a great flowing of the Water in the Place of the *East-gate*, also it broke through the Dike at the *East-gate*, where the Spanish Cavalry stood, so that the water began to flow exceeding high in that place, but was stopped by the powerful assistance of them, that brought with them Sails and Weights for that purpose; also they brought two great Schuyts, and placed them upon the Dike, and filled them full of Wood, for that by that means they might bear down the Sails with the greater weight.

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wet possible. The next day in the Morning they beat the Drums to give notice, That if there were any that would work at the breaches of the Dykes, for Wages, they should repair to *Kerren*, where they [illegible] entertained, there being already great Companies of Volunteers at work both before and behind the Water, and had brought Earth & Stones rather to make a crooked [illegible] sinking thereby to turn off the water along [illegible] to hinder it from flowing more [illegible] Northwards; but this proved unsuccessful for in the Evening the *Somerdyke* was broken through in two, or three places, and [illegible] overflowed that [illegible] and as far as *Medenblik*.

But it pleased God to bless the endeavours of the people at *Kerren*, so that their work was not wholly in vain there, for by that crooked Bank which they had made, they forced the Water to run over as far as *Spanbroek*, and being supplyed with Earth, they made a Dyke by which they could the better stop the Water there, and hinder it from breaking further into the *Polder*, which hath hitherto succeeded well, and it is hoped will so continue, by the blessing of Almighty God, and the great care and vigilance of our Magistrates, who have quitted themselves extraordinary well in this Affair.

My Dear Friend, This day being *Wednesday*, I went to the great Church with my Father, (which was the first time of my coming forth since *Monday*) the Waters being so high where *Mein Heer Nest* had made a good Sermon; his Audience was but 25 men, all the rest being gone to work at *Kerren*.

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The Sermon being ended, we all went all of us thither, and found all things in the dreadfullest condition that can possibly be conceived. For they tell us, that some of the poor people were come thither with their Goods in Scrubbs: Others had filled their Scrubbs with drowned Camel, & brought them thither to sell, they being forced to eat the drowned beasts for meat. They tell us also that some Vagabond Rogues have [illegible] Throats of their Hoggs & Sheep, and carried them away in Sacks to sell to others: That some are gone away with pieces of dead Cows, which they carry hither and there to the Rabbi's that are fled from the Waters. Others are fled with Waggons full of Household Goods, and Scrubbs laden with Cheese, and left their Camel behind them. Also they say that others are fled with their Wives and Children, having lost all their Camel, and whatsoever they had besides. In general, the Calamity is so great, it cannot be expreſt by any person alive.

The 7th Instant in the Morning (the Bells having rung, and the Drums beat all the night) all the men came to Aleppo to assist in stopping the Waters. It is now also commanded by the Bashaw, that the Women should come forth (those are able to work) to help the men to side Storms in ships, that they might be carried and fast before the breach. The Women in all parts of the Country are so forward to come, upon this Command, that they fall by there 10 Thousands towards Aleppo, having their Pockets full of Stones to carry Stones to that end. You may think as if we were in a Besieged City, the which is dreadful to behold.

hold. If you were here at this time, you would see otherwise times more than I can write to you.

There are of those poor Inhabitants that lie in Hundreds upon Planks and Boards, and in open Houses, without Fire or Victuals, that must (of things so contrary) be starved with Hunger and Cold, for no Boats can come at them to fetch them off. Herewith I take my leave at present, praying to God to preserve us from further Inundations, and remain,

Your very loving Friend

N. N.

Another Letter from Amsterdam.

SIR,

BY reason of an extraordinary Storm of Wind, the Dyke between this City and Haerlem is broken down, so that there is no passage between us and Haerlem, by Land, for these five Days. The Storme and Flood hath done a great deal of mischief, insomuch that it is impossible to relate all the misery we daily undergo. Among many wonderful Accidents take these following. The Island Mark (which is an Island but three miles from this City, in the Mouth of the Zuyder-Zee) is altogether washed away, nothing remaining but the Church. Also a great part of the Island Urke is washed away.

Some Ships which are lately arrived here from the Texel, tell us, That they have met several pieces of Houses driving at the Sea, and people upon the tops of them, which is almost incredible, yet it is related here for a Truth.

Sir,

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